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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN MILITARY ATTACHE ON MAP, FMS AND POLITICS

REF: LA PAZ 80

1. AT HIS REQUEST, LTC HUMBERTO CAYOJA MET WITH DESK OFFICER AND ARA POL-MIL OFFICER JANUARY 18 TO DISCUSS MAP MATERIEL DELIVERIES AND FMS FOR BOLIVIA. REGARDING MAP MATERIEL, CAYOJA REPEATED FAMILIAR GOB LITANY OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT SLOW DELIVERIES. WE RESPONDED BY NOTING WE HAVE REPEATEDLY ASSURED GOB THAT USG IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE DELIVERIES, AND THAT SUCH ASSURANCES REMAIN VALID. CAYOJA WAS ALSO GIVEN A GENERAL EXPLANATION OF USG/PLANNING/BUDGET/APPROPRIATION PROCESS AND CONCOMITANT LEAD TIME PROBLEM WHICH GOB APPEARS TO PERCEIVE AS A FAILURE TO MEET OUR COMMITMENTS. WE ALSO OFFERED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO MEET AGAIN TO PROVIDE CAYOJA WITH DETAILED STATUS

REPORT ON MAP MATERIEL. CAYOJA THANKED US FOR EXPLANATION  
AND SAID HE WISHED TO RECEIVED DETAILED REPORT SOONEST.

FYI WE EXPECT TO MEET WITH HIM AGAIN THIS WEEK. END FYI.

2. TURNING TO FMS, CAYOJA SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO  
INITIATE FMS CASH PURCHASE OF THE TWO NAVAL PATROL BOATS  
"OFFERED" IN CNO'S DECEMBER 13, 1973, LETTER TO ADM. PINTO  
AND THAT DEPARTMENT WILL BE RECEIVING FORMAL NOTE ON THIS  
MATTER SHORTLY. CAYOJA SAID GOB HAD DECIDED TO INITIATE  
REQUEST IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN LA PAZ BECAUSE OF

ALLEGED "BUREAUCRATIC DELAY" IN REQUESTS SUBMITTED THROUGH  
MILGRP. WE POINTED OUT THAT USG POLICY REQUIRES ALL SUCH  
REQUESTS BE REVIEWED BY CT PRIOR TO FORMAL USG DECISION.  
ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL HAVE TO REFER THIS REQUEST TO EMBASSY  
BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION.

3. GIVEN GOB'S APPARENT INTERPRETATION OF CNO'S LETTER  
AS A FIRM USG OFFER OF FMS SALE, AND THAT A DECISION TO  
DISAPPROVE SALE COULD HAVE UNFAVORABLE IMPACT ON OUR  
RELATIONS WITH THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY, DEPARTMENT  
WOULD APPRECIATE CT'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE GOB REQUEST.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH DESK OFFICER, CAYOJA  
ANALYSED PROBLEMS FACING BANZER GOVERNMENT, CON-  
CLUDING THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS DETERIORATING  
BECAUSE OF BANZER'S "SELL OUT" TO PRIVATE MINING INTERESTS  
AND THAT PRESTIGIOUS, ALL MILITARY CABINET  
IS ONLY SOLUTION TO CURRENT DIFFICULTIES. MEMCON FOLLOWS  
BY POUCH. KISSINGER

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